GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3322
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CONVERSION OF HINDUS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the incidents of forcibly converting a large number of Hindus into Christians/Muslims in different parts of the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken so far by the Government to check such activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a) to (c): No incident of forcible conversion has been reported. However, Article 25(1) of the Constitution of India provides that subject to public order, morality and health, and to the other provisions of part III, all persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practise and propagate religion.

`Public Order` and `Police` are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. As such, the registration, investigation and detection of crime as well as the prevention of crime are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments.